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Broadmead (Again) to Lead MaCCRA

Rappeport to Head Statewide Residents Organization

By Marcia Reinke

Dr. Jonas Rappeport will be leading the Maryland Continuing Care Residents Association, succeeding William Root of Asbury Methodist Village in Gaithersburg, who is stepping down to concentrate on collecting data about the financial security of Maryland's CCRCs.

Jonas, who has been serving as first vice president, will be acting president until the spring annual meeting. Also joining the MaCCRA executive board is Broadmead resident Alma Smith, who will take over as secretary. Jonas is now chair of the Broadmead Chapter. A volunteer is needed to fill the Broadmead post.

The late Robert Sparks, a Broadmead resident, was one of the founders of MaCCRA in 1993. Composed of 13 (out of 34) senior residential communities, it advocates for resident protections and rights before the state legislature and is a member of National Continuing Care Residents Association (NaCCRA) which keeps an eye on federal issues and lobbies the Congress. Sparks was also a founder of NaCCRA.

Last year MaCCRA attempted to negotiate some 55 issues with the organization that represents the providers, previously Lifespan and now Leading Edge. But despite months of joint meetings in 2010, no agreements were reached and no legislation passed in Annapolis. Broadmead CEO Richard Compton spoke at a recent Fireside Chat about problems Leading Edge is experiencing in trying to represent both profit and not-for-profit communities. Because of internal problems in the provider organization, and the desire of the legislative committees for compromise, progress toward reaching resident goals appears doubtful also in 2012. MaCCRA and other senior groups are, however, planning an Annapolis rally in late January.

MaCCRA's concerns include transfers of CCRC assets out of state, entrance-fee return issues, resident protections and grievance procedures, representation on governing boards, actuarial studies and above all financial stability. Few, if any, of these issues involve Broadmead



Photo by Bob Davies

which has no entrance-fee return at present, has representation on governing boards, plus a high degree of financial stability. Jonas is currently conducting a survey of all the CCRCs in the state.

A "Googling" of Jonas reveals page on page of achievements and accolades, including that he is the founding father of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law. A forensic psychiatrist with roots in Baltimore, he graduated from the University of Maryland Medical School, completed his residency at Maryland and Sheppard Pratt, had a private practice in clinical psychiatry, and served as chief medical officer for the Supreme Court Bench in Baltimore City. Currently he is president of the Maryland Foundation for Psychiatry.

In addition to chairing the Broadmead Chapter of MaCCRA, he is involved in the wood shop, Open Forum, Adventures in Learning and regularly runs the New Year's Eve party.

Decorating Scheduled For Tuesday, December 6 Volunteers Needed

By Alma Smith

The Community Center will be decorated for the holidays on Tuesday, December 6.

This year, the Flower Committee, under the guidance of Bea Post, will be doing table decorations in the Holly Terrace and the Magnolia Room.

A few fresh flower table-top arrangements, along with poinsettias, will be placed throughout the first floor. Because of the fragile nature of poinsettias, watering will be done by the committee.

Any residents wishing to volunteer in helping to decorate should call either Alma Smith at 410-329-1199 or Pat Lackey at 410-229-0129. Volunteers will be referred to the team leaders who need assistance in setting up on December 6 and/or dismantling on January 3.

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New Year's Eve Party

Saturday, December 31
8:30 p.m. - Midnight

Reserved Tables

(Watch for notice in your message box)

Dancing to the Music of Frank and Friends

Poetry reading, name game,
jokes, singing
(*Auld Lang Syne*)

Set-ups, cider, nuts, cheeses,
pretzels, cookies and more

BYOB

NEW RESIDENTS

Estelle Kreinik	C-8
Dorothy Sinclair	M-9
Elizabeth Murphy	L-7

Saturday Programs

7 p.m.- Auditorium

December 24
Holiday Sing Along

December 31
New Year's Eve Party
(See above)

Movies will be shown
December 3, 10 and 17
(See page 18)



The C-Street Bass entertained a full house of Broadmead residents at the third concert in this year's series. Shown here, from left, Gabriel Colby, trombone; Haim Mazar, tuba; Scott Nadelson, trumpet; Kyle Anderson, trumpet; and Eric Damashek, French horn.
Photo by Nancy Boyce

Together Residents and Staff Walk for 18,842 Minutes But Soulful Striders Win Again

By Marcia Reinke

The results of the Wellness Department's Walktober Challenge are in. And for the fourth consecutive year, the residents' "Soulful Striders" team has clobbered the staff by chalking up 13,249 minutes of walking and biking during October while the staff's "These Boots Were Made for Walking" team clocked just 5,593 minutes.

By way of full disclosure, the staff team had only five members, so the average was 1,118.6 minutes each. Twenty residents and associates participated, so their average was 662.4 minutes. But since *The Voice* is a resident publication, it is not headlining that fact.

Members of the staff team were Diane Krause, Tom Mondloch, Julie Segal, Betty Shaughnessy and Jody Tromble. Soulful Striders were George Brownell, Christine Chambreau, Suzanne Crowder, Elborg Forster, Alice Giles, Betty Iber, Frank Iber, Pat Lawler, Anne Lee, Sandy McClung, Ginny McKechnie, Peggy Patterson, Marcia Reinke, Virginia Schurman, Mary Ruth Sidwell, Bobbie Siebens, Barbara Smith, Bob Stanhope, Sally Stanhope and Chas Stieff.

Has anyone noticed that only five men participated? And 20 women?

Another Barn Sale Record Set -- \$21,461



***Above: Happily tallying the proceeds here are Jean Wilson, Bill Reinke, BRA treasurer, and Ethel Landis, Barn Sale treasurer.
Below: Gathering proceeds at the clothing sale are Jean Elliott and Cynthia Ballard.***



**\$15,662 at November Event
\$5,799 Since July Sale**

*Text and photos by Marcia Reinke
Chart by Ethel Landis*

The event, which in large part makes possible most of the programs and activities run by Broadmead Residents Association, has set another record.

The day-and-a-half fall Barn Sale brought in \$15,662; and the between-sale tally since July, yielded another \$5,799. The \$15,662 figure compares to \$13,361 in March of this year; and \$12,109 in October, 2010.

Friday's take, at a 7 1/2 hour sale, was approximately \$500 higher than that of the 3 1/2 hour Saturday sale, which included an hour of half price.

Sale co-chairs Donna Smith, Sita Smith and Anne Minkowski are already planning the next sale for a weekend in March.

Donna noted, following a post-sale evaluation, that the Barn Sale workroom is already jammed with new items. Almost all leftovers from each sale are picked up or sent to Goodwill or other area charities.

A list of those involved in each sale would read like the resident directory, but special thanks are due to those who organize the sales and work year round in the Barn Sale workroom.

Stardust Memories Close Harmony Singers Music of the '40s

Thursday, December 15
7 p.m. Auditorium

Presented by Louise Hager
In honor of her birthday

ALL ARE INVITED



Above: Bernie Anderson and John McShane were among those manning the woodshop this year. At right Dosia Laeyendecker makes a jewelry sale.



Department	Subtotal Per Dept	Total Prior Deposits	Total Per Dept
Appliances	\$ 1,365.75	\$ 2,799.00	\$ 4,164.75
Baked Goods	\$ 574.25		\$ 574.25
Books	\$ 308.30	\$ 226.00	\$ 534.30
China	\$ 1,740.03	\$ 266.00	\$ 2,006.03
Clothing	\$ 3,549.91	\$ 872.00	\$ 4,421.91
Furniture	\$ 2,129.96	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 3,449.96
Jewelry	\$ 1,245.10	\$ 91.00	\$ 1,336.10
Holiday/Gifts	\$ 290.60		\$ 290.60
Kitchenware	\$ 965.40	\$ 13.00	\$ 978.40
Linens	\$ 887.90	\$ 167.00	\$ 1,054.90
Main Desk/Baskets	\$ 29.75		\$ 29.75
Plants	\$ 64.15		\$ 64.15
Shoes & Handbags	\$ 577.59	\$ 15.00	\$ 592.59
This & That	\$ 1,645.75	\$ 30.00	\$ 1,675.75
Tools	\$ 287.65		\$ 287.65
TOTALS	\$ 15,662.09	\$ 5,799.00	\$ 21,461.09

Broadmead Briefs....

Watch for the sign-up sheets to reserve tables for the Residents Association's annual **New Year's Gala** to be held in the holiday-decorated auditorium and lounge starting at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, December 31. A three-piece band and a vocalist will provide music for dancing, which is expected to include a Conga line and a Paul Jones again this year.

There will be poetry, a name game, jokes (emcee Jonas has promised new ones), plus the traditional break-up and eating of the Butchers' fabulous gingerbread house. Set-ups will be provided, along with water, ice, soda, sparkling cider, cheeses, cookies and peanuts. It's BYOB of course. The event is scheduled to run until midnight, but just in case, *Auld Lang Syne* will be sung at 10:30 p.m..

Residents' alert: Canned goods are being collected by the Broadmead staff until the end of December for the Cockeysville Food Pantry. The collection box is in the employees' hall next to the laundry room. All canned goods are welcome, from residents as well as staff.

Virginia Schurman, chair of Broadmead's Multicultural Committee, has been elected to the Board of the Friends of the Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum in Baltimore County. She was nominated by Broadmead resident Gwen Marable.

Maurice and Pamela Langham along with **John and Jane Michener** have been invited by Polly Meeker Toombs to visit her in Wichita, Kansas. Readers of the October *Voice* may recall

that a Michener-Langham chat about Maurice's experiences in World War II London led to the mention of a wartime pen pal named Peggy Meeker in Wichita. In brief: John was from Wichita; Polly was found in a high school directory; contact was made; Polly remembered John; Maurice and Polly had a long distance telephone conversation, a 70-years-later reunion. Thoughts now are of a mid-spring trip west. Small world.

Residents who will serve on the **Corner Cupboard** planning committee have been named: Ann Remington, Peggy Taliaferro, Cynthia Ballard, Betsy Master, Ellen Williams and Joyce Griffith. The Corner Cupboard, described sometimes as a Broadmead version of a Seven-Eleven, is expected to open in the late spring or early summer at the site of the former coffee shop.

Frank Iber, chair of the Audio-Visual Committee, has sent out an urgent plea to all the BRA groups which use the A-V equipment. "Recent illness and almost zero volunteers for A-V from the last 60 new residents, along with some increase in requests for service, has led to a crisis," he said. "Servicing at least 30 functions each month with training and support, currently requires more than 100 hours of service supplied by 17 volunteers." Training will be provided. Willing or interested persons may leave a note in Box H-10 or phone Frank at 410-785-4080.

Another bonus has been provided by **Jonas**, this one about avocado pits. He says that when the pit of an avocado sticks to the knife after you slice the avocado, tap the pit against the cutting board and the pit splits in half.



A full Broadmead bus, piloted by master chauffeur Diane Krause, traveled to Wilmington, Delaware, to visit Henry Francis Dupont's 75-acre estate, Winterthur. After a docent-guided tour of rooms featuring Federal Period furniture, which was the focus of the first Adventures in Learning lecture this fall, part of the group was photographed at the foot of the Montmorency staircase. From left are Dot Gustafson, Joyce Griffith, Virginia Cooley, Ellen Williams, Joan Eastman, Florence Platt, Nancy Hauss, Anne Minkowski and Bill Benson. A guided tram ride through the grounds was enjoyed as were the museum, gift shop and cafeteria. Many voiced an interest in a return trip to see the spring bloom.

Photo by Penny Partlow

The Broadmead Play Readers

will present

The Mysterious Visitor

Written and Directed by
Broadmead Resident Ruth S. Williams
Cast

Visitor	Dave Rigotti
Agent	Tom Nuttle
Reporter	Bob Fetter
President	Frank Iber
Geraldine	Anna Morsberger
Dog Scrabble	Ruth Williams
Stage Manager	Ruth Williams

Wednesday, December 14
7 p.m. Auditorium

BALLET VIDEO

Friday, December 16

7 p.m. Auditorium

The Nutcracker

Music by Peter I. Tchaikovsky

The American Ballet Company

Starring Gelsey Kirkland and

Mikhail Baryshnikov

(79 mins.)

Harry Blumenthal

Vespers

Sunday, December 18

4:30 p.m. Main Lounge

The Rev. Christa Burns

Faith Presbyterian Church

Maintain, Not Gain, This Holiday Season

By Stacy Young, Broadmead dietician

Speaking at the November Health Care Committee lecture, Broadmead dietician Stacy Young, MS, RD, LDN, said typically we gain five-to-10 pounds each holiday season and work all year to take it off.

Summarizing her talk, she said we need tools to avoid this gain, much of it being psychological and dependent on the stage we are in.

Are you following your own hunger cues? On the hunger scale you need to stay between four and seven to avoid over- or under-eating. She advises having only four to five hours between meals and having just enough to eat at each meal so you are hungry by the next meal.

She advises limiting intake of S.A.D. (Snacks, Alcohol, Desserts), choosing just one to have each day. Set yourself up to NOT fail each day. Don't try to please others when it comes to food and meals.

Write down all you eat each day, she says. "EVERY SINGLE BITE!" You will eat less, since you have to admit it on paper. Watch out for emotional eating versus eating for hunger. And avoid sabotage from others who are not in the same diet control mode.

Monday Book Group Selections Through June, 2012

Auditorium, 10:30 a.m.

December 5

Caleb's Crossing, by Geraldine Brooks

February 6

The Garden of Beasts, by Eric Larsen

March 5

Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian, by Sherman Alexie

April 2

The State of Wonder, by Ann Pachett

May 5

The Sisters of Fortune,
by Nancy Coffy Hefferman

June 4

Homer and Langley, by E.L. Doctorow

*Books may be borrowed
from the Bookmobile.*

The Festival of Lights A Chanukah Celebration

Monday, December 12

7 p.m. Auditorium

Menorah Lighting

Klezmer Musical Concert

Holiday Desserts

Music by Charm City Klezmer

(Dancing in the aisles is permitted)

Sponsored by the Multicultural Committee

The BRA Health Care Committee Lecture Series

Tuesday, December 13

10:30 a.m. Auditorium

**The Ethics of Voluntarily Stopping
Eating and Drinking to Hasten Death**

Anita Tarzian

NEW RENTERS

Sarah Bilecky

H-4

Roman & Molly Schaeren

G-2

Stardust Memories to Celebrate 88 Years

By Virginia Foster

Perched on a chair in her Broadmead apartment is a diminutive woman with a tall sense of will-power. Back in her college days, she was forced to change her music major, because she couldn't cope with the theory-of-music course. Louise Hager survived.

That minor (!) tragedy propelled her into teaching elementary school for 25 years. She was also destined to study and teach courses in spirituality. That is still part of her life today as she helps patients weekly at Sheppard Pratt.

Music is still part of her life also. For an upcoming 88th birthday celebration, Louise will sponsor an entertainment by a group of singers specializing in the close harmony music of the 1940s. All Broadmead residents are invited to join Louise in the auditorium Thursday, December 15 at 7 p.m. to celebrate her birthday with music, mulled wine and donut holes.

Friends Meeting for Worship

Sundays at 11 a.m. Stony Run Board Room
Everyone Welcome

Sleigh Bell Swing

Wednesday, December 21

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Main Lounge/Auditorium

Music by the Bill Eliot Trio

Special Desserts

*Sponsored by
Broadmead Community Services*

At the Tail End of a Gerrymander Broadmead Gets Moved to 7th Congressional District

By Marcia Reinke

Clarifying maps reproduced in the *Baltimore Sun*, Wade Kach, our District 5B delegate to the Maryland General Assembly, has e-mailed details of the new Congressional redistricting plan, showing that Broadmead will move from District Six, long served by Republican Congressman Roscoe Bartlett, to District 7, now served by Democratic Congressman Elijah Cummings. Broadmead will continue to be represented by Bartlett until the 2012 election; but primary voting in April will be for District 7.

The major part of Cummings' present and future district lies in Baltimore City. It then winds around portions of Howard and Baltimore Counties such that its tail end whiplashes up to Cockeysville. Under the new redistricting plan Kach's relatively small 5B state legislative district will be divided into three Congressional Districts, the others being District One, currently represented by Rep. Andrew Harris, and District Two, now represented by Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger. Bartlett's District Six no longer veers into Baltimore County, having picked up Montgomery County areas instead.

The Maryland League of Women Voters has noted, however, that these district boundaries are being challenged in court and remain under review by local Boards of Election. It appears that the court challenges, brought by the Black Caucus, deal primarily with southern Maryland and, even if allowed, would have little effect here. But the boundaries of the new districts may run through existing precincts, so precinct lines and sometimes voting centers may change. The Constitution requires redistricting every 10 years.



Egyptian mummies John and Jane Michener



Staff arrived in many costumes.



Even a fairy-tale dog got into the act.

Witches, Ghosts and Mummies Populate Scary Halloween Celebration

Text and photos by Sally Bloomer

The lounge was alive with scary creatures and invaders from outer space for the Halloween festivities at Broadmead again this year.

The pumpkin carving contest featured silver spaceships. Winning was a realistic outer-space silver pumpkin-ship which had just made an earth landing. Disembarking were pipe-cleaner invaders who demanded: "Take me to your leader". Second place went to a brightly lit world mounted on an earth-pumpkin, which carried the cancer awareness image, "Light Up the World." Another silver pumpkin-space ship took third. Its invaders were impressed. "What a beautiful place! What nice people," they said, before asking about earthquakes, floods and hurricanes.

The grand march, accompanied by Michael Siegel at the piano, was highlighted by Royal Egyptian mummies wrapped in bathroom tissue *aka* J and J Michener who received the funniest award even though the carefully wrapped mummies were dead serious. Most original was Betty Simpson, portraying a Barbie in a box with pink hair.

Deborah Kopper, whose every gesture was threatening, won the scariest award as the Screamer. The Ravens and Steelers, huddling on the dance floor, won the best group award.

Pearl Sherwood from Health Care baked a delicious prize winning pumpkin cake. This was enjoyed along with other refreshments by many residents from Hallowell and Taylor. Whitney Leber supervised their escorts.

The Therapeutic Recreation Department is to be thanked for the program. It is headed by Harriet Ambrose with Burke Vair and Marty Nichols, activity coordinators. Marty created the table centerpieces of white butternut squash decorated with eyes, hair and a mustache.

Those who lingered were rewarded by an impromptu solo by Carolyn Donkervoet. As Michael Siegel played, she sang "Somewhere Over The Rainbow."



Staffers came as Ravens and Steelers. Here Ravens take instructions from Linda Chick (in heels) as quarterback.



Resident Benny Villalobos came as a Mexican bandit.



At left, staffers Leonard House, Shane Ladner and Robin Kelley arrived from outer space.

At right, winning the award for most original, is Betty Simpson who came as a boxed-up Barbie doll, complete with pink hair.



Costumed as Barn Sale rag pickers are Bonnie Cox, Nancy Allchin, Elborg Forster and Midge Nelson. At right is *Voice* photographer/reporter Sally Bloomer with a hat labeled "press."



New Recycle Rules Here

By Sally Bloomer

The Baltimore County recycle rules are now being followed at Broadmead and new CO-MINGLE signs will soon be posted in your cluster.

The main change for that category is that more items may now be recycled, so that all plastic items numbered 1-7 may be co-mingled. No styrofoam, please.

Newspapers and magazines should be carefully placed in the recycle shed. They are worth money! Do not leave them for the cleaning staff to throw away. Do not include flattened cardboard boxes with newspapers. They would go in the OTHER section.

Cardboard boxes are available from the housekeeping department if needed.

MOVING AROUND BROADMEAD

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Jane Earhart	B-13	T-313

Open Forum

Thursday, December 1
7 p.m. Auditorium

***Soaring Past Seven Billion
Population Challenges for a Crowded World***

John Seager, President
Population Connection
(formerly Zero Population Growth)

Kwanzaa

A Celebration of
African American Values

Wednesday, December 28
1:30 p.m. Lounge
Refreshments

*Sponsored by the
Multicultural committee*

Recollections on Time-Change Day

By Anne Allen B. Dandy

The sun's orbit was lower in the west as we approached November 6, the time to fall backward and bring an end to daylight saving. Red Venus, absent for many weeks, will now appear alongside Regulus, the blue-white star. Their contrasting colors will be apparent in the east after sunset.

From our porch facing west, the Princeton elm is growing strong. The much larger oak is retaining its leaves, while the branches of the gorgeous old linden tree become more visible each day as its foliage disappears.

The mallards are cavorting and thriving on Lake Maybe. They chased away a few geese, not wishing to share their territory. A great blue heron has been seen on that marsh bank.

Near the springhouse, the cackle of the kingfisher is heard. Our newly arrived autumn residents include white-throated sparrows and juncos. Two pileated woodpeckers, our year-round residents, have frequented Sally Bloomer's feeder and bluebirds are checking out their box at Cluster H. Cedar waxwings, robins and a lone mocking bird are devouring our hawthorn berries. A brown creeper is here along with flickers and a curious Carolina wren.

Enjoy the winter months.

Sparks Stars 5th Grade Chorus

Friday, December 16
10:30 a.m. Auditorium
All are welcome!

*Volunteers needed for resident escorts
Please contact
Harriet Ambrose, 443-578-8026*

Towson Professor Looks At Republican Presidential Primary Candidates



Examining the ever-changing line-up of Republican presidential candidates at a recent Open Forum, Dr. Toni Marzotta, chair of the Political Science Department at Towson University, reviewed the lengthy list of “top tiers,” those on the second level, the “obscure but still running” group and the “almost rans” who ultimately decided against the contest. Both Marzotta and the residents in attendance speculated that Mitt Romney would eventually get the nomination. *Photo by Marcia Reinke*



Let's Dance

December and January
programs cancelled.
Next dance February 13

Alone or Lonely

A man or woman
Walking down a snowy path
in the woods.

Alone
lonely?
It depends on who or what
is needed for companionship.
Perhaps a dog,
a small child?

Or a sense of gratitude, gladness
for life itself.
Memories of gifts given,
material or spiritual
that still enrich
one's life.

Gratitude makes for a great companion,
it outweighs all sorts of depressing things
that can make you cry.

Carolyn T. Underwood

Wednesday Worship

1st Wednesday of month, 10:30 a.m.

Episcopal Communion

Health Education Room
East Hall Room 160

Sponsored by Sherwood Episcopal Church

2nd Wednesday of month, 10 a.m.

Catholic Mass

Health Education Room
East Hall Room 160

Sponsored by St. Francis Xavier Church

Let's Sing Christmas

with Jonathan Jensen
at the piano
Monday, December 19
7 p.m., Auditorium



An "Urban Sophisticate" Is Arriving for Christmas.....

By Suzanne Schlenger

Suzanne will be here for Christmas. She is my beloved granddaughter. And name-sake. And this will be her third Broadmead Christmas with me.

The first time she came from San Francisco, where she worked for the Gap in marketing after she earned her masters in International Business.

The next Christmas she was in Houston, Texas, working for an international rice company. She left that job and worked for Continental Air Lines as a "destination planner". I really don't know what destinations she chose, but I doubt she selected Fargo, North Dakota.

Once she went on a wedding destination in Venezuela for a three-day affair that she said was fabulous.

This holiday she'll come from New York, where she now works and lives. She rented a "studio" apartment on 8th Avenue in Manhattan for the price of a large house here. But they pay her just enough to live in the City. She tells me she is classified as an "Urban Sophisticate", whatever that is!

I'll have to find her a super Christmas gift as she usually showers me with lovely expensive gifts. What do you give an "Urban Sophisticate"? I need some help with this.

I must admit I'm not the only attraction in Baltimore. Her father and brother live here and she usually spends a day and dinner with them. I never complain.

At some point during her visit she will contact some of her high school friends and will discover a party to attend. One of them will pick her up here and return her at an ungodly hour, which requires that I notify the duty man to let her into Broadmead as the gate is always down at 2 a.m.

I just leave the light on and go to bed! She is 25 and too old for curfews.

No matter what the weather, we will go out for a lobster dinner. This is her favorite meal.

Of course we will have our nails done and feet too. This is fun for both of us.

Late Christmas morning brings calls from my daughters, all living in the West. Everyone talks at once, thanking gift givers buoyed up with excitement. Then Christmas is over, and Suzanne will fly, or train, back to her city.

For a few days she has brought me her youth and life and enthusiasm I am exhausted, but content to have had these days of youth and beauty and love.

Men's Saturday Socials to Resume Next Month

By Ted Wilson

Early in Broadmead's history a Men's Saturday Social Hour was established to give men, who were in a minority, a chance to get to know each other better, and to give the new men an opportunity to tell their fellow residents something about their lives at work, their hobbies or special interests.

The plan was to meet on alternate Saturday mornings at 9:30 for coffee, doughnuts and socializing, followed by a short talk by one of the new men, with a chance for questions and answers. The program was to run through January, February and March. All attending were to chip in one dollar each to help defray costs.

Public speaking skills were not a requirement, since men were merely telling their friends about themselves during their working years.

The tradition continues to this day and we will start again in January. I will be calling on men who came to Broadmead during this past year, trusting that they will be willing to speak if they expect to be here during those three months.

Returning for a
Special Holiday Concert
The Beauty Shop Trio
(Compared to the Andrew Sisters)

Sunday, December 11 2 p.m.
Auditorium/Lounge

Sponsored by
Broadmead Community Services

Open Forum Speaker Says United States Must Continue United Nations Support

It has more legitimate power than any other organization in the World

By Sonia and Harry Blumenthal

Eight out of 10 American voters have a positive view of the United Nations and believe the United States should pay its dues in full, according to a poll commissioned by the United Nations Foundation in this country.

But, said Edward Elmendorf at an Open Forum talk here, the Congress has become increasingly critical of the UN due to the country's domestic and financial problems. Pointing to a bill passed by the House Committee on Foreign Relations which would severely limit US support of the UN, he said it bears careful watching even though it is unclear whether it has the support to pass.

Elmendorf's talk was co-sponsored by the Multicultural and Open Forum committees in observance of the 66th anniversary of the United Nations. Now president of the United Nations Association, USA, Elmendorf has a long history of distinguished service not only with the UN, but also with the U.S. Foreign Service, the World Bank, and other international governmental and non-governmental bodies. He has taught at both the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and the Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Introducing his talk by reading from the Preamble of the UN Charter, he said its goals of eliminating the scourge of war, reaffirming human rights, respecting treaty obligations and promoting better standards of life are as relevant today as in 1945. Now comprised of 193 nations, the General Assembly may be unwieldy but it has more legitimate power than any other organization in the world.



"Global problems require global solutions," he said.

The UN currently supports peace-keeping operations with some 100,000 troops in 20 countries. The United States shares that burden by paying 27% of the costs.

Stressing the real usefulness of public advocacy, he urged the audience to write to their Congressmen urging UN support.



The Multicultural Committee promoted the United Nations in a display outside the Country Store

Photos by Marcia Reinke

BOOKS NEW TO BROADMEAD LIBRARY

Historical Biographies

Notable figures in political history, in both the U.S. and other countries, are the subjects of these recent biographical acquisitions. You will find biographies shelved in the Main Library on the wall opposite the door. The one exception is the Oversize book, which is with other Oversize books in the Lower Level Seminar Room. All are shelved in call number order, as they are listed below.

Dahmus, Joseph H. *Seven medieval kings*. 1967. Biog. D107.D13
Daiches, David. *The last Stuart: the life and times of Bonnie Prince Charlie*. 1973. Biog. DA.C462d
Jenkins, Roy. *Churchill: a biography*. 2001. Biog. DA.C56j
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In Memoriam

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Charles Wilhelm

December 9, 1919 November 1, 2011

Barbara Younger

September 11, 1912 November 3, 2011

Jessie Besore

July 4, 1917 November 3, 2011

Mary Willison

November 29, 1917 November 3, 2011

Helen Lovelace

August 26, 1928 November 7, 2011

Alexander Kaufman

February 28, 1927 November 13, 2011

Margaret (Peggy) Brian

September 23, 1913 November 13, 2011



Christmas Pie

Some Traditions Never Die Until.....

By Marcia Reinke

Grammy Jackson and Grammy Damon lived 100 miles apart, seldom if ever met, and seemed to have little in common except me and Christmas Eve chicken pies.

Quiet, one might say mousy, Grammy Jackson ironed shirts for four kids, raised peas and squash and picked blackberries in her backyard, and played Baptist hymns badly on an upright piano. Loud, officious and moral, Grammy Damon complained regularly about my mother and me, kept a parlor off bounds to children, expected thank-you notes even when you'd already verbally thanked her for a gift, and (we found later) gave birth to my father four months after she married Grampa D.

Both, however, made identical Christmas Eve chicken pies. Not pies, really. They were constructed, deep-dish, in 18-inch-in-diameter flat-bottomed bowls. There was no crust on the bottom and the top crust looked like a huge two-inch thick baking powder biscuit. There was no Bisquick back then, so lots of flour and lard, kneading and rolling were needed to make a crust which exactly fit. Prior to the kneading and rolling, a chicken or capon or fat hen had to be cleaned and in early years plucked; then hacked up with a butcher knife, boiled or whatever one does to create a fricassee, a whitish gravy prepared, and the whole concoction plopped into the bowl, the crust added and baked.

All this took place early Christmas Eve day, which was also the day both grammys had to

clean, sometimes pluck, and make ready the turkeys, potatoes, yellow turnips, squash, baby onions, cranberry sauce and two kinds of gravy for Christmas Day; and followed the days when pumpkin and apple pies, cookies and fruitcake were baked.

But that's another story. At both houses everyone commented on the lovely tradition of Christmas Eve chicken pie.

Fast forward a decade or more. The grammy generation is gone and my mother is making the Christmas Eve chicken pie, now using Bisquick and already plucked chickens, of course. The pie is centerpiece to a table populated by me, my father, his sister, my mother's two sisters, and an in-law husband or two.

"Why do we have chicken the night before we have turkey?" I asked.

Silence.

"Well why? They're both poultry. Seems to me....."

"I hate chicken pie!" my father said.

"You hate chicken pie?" his sister screamed.

"Why didn't you ever say so? I think chicken pie is soggy and yucky and it took our mother hours to make it and she was mumbling nasty things under her breath the whole time."

Mother's sisters started to laugh. Their hymn-singing mother had also muttered a thing or two as she plucked and chopped and rolled and kneaded over the years.

Laughing until the tears came, we ate the pie, washed and stored away the big bowl, and started a roast beef tradition the next year.

Broadmead Movies

Auditorium at 7 p.m.



Tuesday movies selected by Suzanne and Jim Crowder.

Saturday movies by Jean Stephenson.

The Saturday movies for December feature the series entitled *Edward the King*. There are four parts (volumes) to the series. The fourth volume will be shown on January 7. Starring in the various roles are Annette Crosbie, Robert Hardy and Charles Sturbridge. 1973 NR

Saturday, December 3 Edward the King, Vol. 1
A young Queen Victoria relinquishes trusted advisors in favor of her husband. It is into this striving environment that Albert Edward is born. 208 minutes

Tuesday, December 6 The Stratton Story
Based on a true story, this inspirational sports drama centers on Chicago White Sox pitcher Monty Stratton (Jimmy Stewart) whose career came to an abrupt end when his right leg was amputated after a hunting accident. With a peg leg and the encouragement of his wife (June Allyson) he made a comeback in 1946, pitching in the minor leagues well into the 50's. Sub-titles 1949 NR 102 minutes

Saturday, December 10 Edward the King, Vol. 2
Distraught with grief, Victoria secludes herself and insists Bertie marry Alix. Victoria's self-imposed isolation stirs republican sentiment in Britain which Bertie's social scandals further inflame. Bertie finally gains employment as head of a working-class housing commission. 208 minutes

Tuesday, December 13 The Art of the Steal
This film traces the history of the Barnes collection of post-impressionist paintings which was worth billions and became the subject of a

power struggle after the death of the owner, Dr. Albert Barnes. The political wrangling over the collection eventually led to its division. 2009 NR 101 minutes

Saturday, December 17 Edward the King, Vol. 3
Bertie's scandals rock the royal family as Queen Victoria celebrates her Diamond Jubilee. Taking Edward as his royal name, Bertie and the government wonder what kind of king he will be. 157 minutes

Tuesday, December 20 Becoming Jane
In late 18th century England, a passionate romance with the roguish barrister Tom Lefroy serves as the inspiration for the works of budding novelist Jane Austen (Anne Hathaway). After rejecting a proposal from a neighbor's rich but stolid nephew, Austen is drawn to the impoverished young lawyer, even as relatives and circumstances conspire to separate them. 2007 PG-13 120 minutes

Tuesday, December 27 The Wrong Man
Alfred Hitchcock movie based on a real life story of a musician (Henry Fonda) who is wrongfully accused of several robberies when he tries to convert the insurance policy of his wife (Vera Miles) to pay medical bills. He must fight against difficult odds to save his good name. Sub-titles 1956 NR 105 minutes

Christmas

O
Seed of Life
bringer of flowers
babies, foxes, kittens
give us reverence toward
all kinds of life and thankfulness
that at this season You appear
among us
scattering
joy.

Carolyn T. Underwood



Hither, Thither and Yawn

With Foxy Georgia

Just back from meeting the newcomers and a right good looking crew: Dorothy Fix, Kitty and Herb Ward, and the renters, Roman and Molly Schaeren. We can remember their names but will they be able to sort us out? Anyway, multi-welcomes to them all.

Incidentally, Ethel Landis (she knows a spectacular way of playing dominoes, which we would love to learn) had on the greatest looking jacket, and so did hospitality guru, Marilyn Nuttle. Also Anne Allen Dandy.

Speaking of fashions, note the fancy walking canes seen around the campus. Dorothy Krug has a cane and matching bag. Snappy poet Ruth Williams has a fold-up job. Take a look at Ann Remington and Sibylle Ehrlich. The Stieffs have a bunch of canes, functional and awaiting decorations. And so the list goes on.

We have our own Occupiers, advocating the preservation of Holly House. Nancy Boyce and Joyce Griffith are really trying hard, but they are not camping out (yet) like the others.

How about another protest move? Stagger the lunch hour for the staff. Broadmead shuts up tight between noon and 1 p.m. It's a challenge to reach anyone.

Virginia Goodkind's daughter treated us to an informal introduction to Reflexology. Wish we could do or understand what it's all about. Further info is available. Just Google it. Better stick to Brain Aerobics. Sidney Daniels, June Gee, Sam Legg and his companion and Dot Barr sat there amazed.

Have you seen Louise Hager's doll collection? Fabulous detailed workmanship! Next time you go to the Hair Factory, check out what Anna Bittle is reading. Her group is into something stimulating each time. But so is the big crowd. Frances Alden and Susie Fetter are well out in front on the chosen

books, and of course George Toole, our faithful leader, keeps us under control. He enjoys us as much as we enjoy him.

Tried something new! A Quixie-Fixie sale outside the Arbor Cafe. Gave the staff time to shop (and they sure did). Penny Partlow did all right too. Just ask her. Jane Earhart was the first shopper and wore her jacket right into dinner. However, the best sale was the special necktie which was given to John Robbins and we are waiting for him to wear it. Come on John, let's have some fun!

Hey, that outstanding highboy has high-tailed it to Colorado. Time to start another, John McShane.

Halloween came and went. You can read all about it in the *Voice*. Really something. Those pumpkins were outstanding. Now about those Christmas decorations. Get down to the Barn Sale rooms. There's a super selection waiting for you, and Mary Agnes Evans would love to see you. Just call her and make a shopping date.

Hear the Magnolia Room is open for lunch and it's sensational. Cokey Rienhoff entertained some off-site guests and, boy, were they impressed. Weezie Davis said the same. So better get in there to find out for yourself. Try it for a Christmas party or whenever.

A small plug for the Play Readers group. Chekhov, Tennessee Williams, Eugene O'Neill, Woody Allen, and others, have all written one-act plays. Google this info, Or, if you want, write your own. Then we can name it the Play Writers group. How about that? Whatever, join in the fun and produce. We'll all love it! and give you many thanks..nuff said.

BIRD AND NATURE GROUP

Friday, December 9, 1:30 p.m.

Fireplace Room on the
Lower Level

Everyone Welcome



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Holiday Events



December 6: **Decorating the Center**

December 11: **The Beauty Shop Trio**
2 p.m. Auditorium

December 12: **Festival of Lights**
A Chanukah Celebration
7 p.m. Auditorium

December 15: **Stardust Memories**
Close Harmony Singers
7 p.m. Auditorium

December 16: **Sparks Stars**
5th Grade Chorus
10:30 a.m. Auditorium

December 16: **The Nutcracker**
7 p.m. Auditorium

December 19: **Let's Sing Christmas**
7 p.m. Auditorium

December 21: **Sleigh Bell Swing**
6:30 p.m. Auditorium

December 24: **Holiday Sing Along**
7 p.m. Auditorium

December 28: **Kwanzaa Celebration**
1:30 p.m. Auditorium

December 31: **New Year's Eve Party**
8:30 p.m. Auditorium